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District 48, the same; District 49, the same, deviation. So we're doing better by a great substantial margin as a whole as it's been displayed here tonight. I mean LB 620, 42 people voted for it, 3 voted against, 5 or 4 were not voting, whatever the numbers were. Last night, LB 671, 28 for, 16 against. This is a legislative bill. Yes, it determines who we represent, where those lines are drawn, but I think this is the best way to draw a map for the rural part of the state that displays fairness, the same fairness that we offer to Lincoln and Omaha districts, the same fairness that we offer to anybody else in the Legislature. We have tried to work through Obviously, and I would venture to say that without responding Senator Cunningham doesn't like the Legislature's proposal so we don't have all agreement there. Let's get to the facts. facts are we have to make a decision on what's the best for the most. That's what we're trying to accomplish not only with this bill, but with the Legislature's or with this, excuse me, with this amendment but with the Legislature's entire proposal. Not everyone supported Senator Burling's plan. Not supported Senator Quandahl, Senator Stuhr's plan. Not everyone supported Senator Bourne's plan for Congressional redistricting. So do we just come to a loggerhead and just sit here and say we're not going to do it? Let's look at the facts and let's make a decision and let's make the right decision in my opinion. The right decision is we have a map before you in AM2095. maintains county lines and precinct lines, easily identified by the voter. The districts are compact...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...and contiguous. It preserves the core of prior districts. It takes into consideration the political agreements, the subdivisions that are out there between crossing county lines which is essentially what we're trying to accomplish with LB 142 so I would appreciate Senator Schimek's approach or vote on this as well. But we're getting down to a substantially equal number in population. That is the goal. That's what we're trying to accomplish. And, yes, Senator Baker and Senator Schrock are part of this; but they're also a part of the entire Legislature map and we've already discussed that in length. I appreciate your indulgence. I appreciate your vote